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Title: Regarding problems being faced by Ex-servicemen.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to serious problems of ex-Servicemen. A large number of ex-Servicemen belonging to Indian ex-Servicemen League are staging a sit-in *dharna* at Jantar Mantar for the last three days. Their demands have not been fulfilled for so many years. The earlier Government also assured them that their demands would be considered but they have not been fulfilled so far. Their demands are early retirement, high compensation, revision of their pension rates, one rank one pension, etc. Their service has been fixed for 33 years but they are in service for 17 years and no Jawan reaches that stage, so the recommendations of the Pay Commission are of no help to them and they cannot get pension. They need more medical facilities for them and for their families, especially after retirement, which they are not getting. They have been demanding these for so many years but they are not getting them. Therefore, they are staging a sit-in *dharna* at Jantar Mantar. They are trying to have an appointment with the hon. Prime Minister and the Defence Minister to apprise them of their grievances for the last several weeks.

But both the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister are not giving appointments to the people who defended our country with so much sacrifices. It is a matter of shame. Our Government should at least give an appointment and give a hearing to what they want to say. But for the last three days, they have been sitting here. Neither the Prime Minister nor the Defence Minister is ready to give an appointment to listen to their demands.

I demand that the Prime Minister should meet them and try to solve their problems.